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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Essick
Serial No.: 10/656,817
Filed: September 5, 2003
Confirmation No.: 9410
For: **ELASTIC RETAINER STRAP**

Examiner: James R. Brittain
Art Unit: 3677

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004. If any fees are required for the accompanying Amendment, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to deposit account 09-0528.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.